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WEST END.

Miss Mary Hodges has returned to Abbeville after spending the summer in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. W. D. Morrah and little girls, Katrina and Mary Ellen, of Bellevue, and Prof. and Mrs. M. E. Bradley, of Clemson, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bradley for several days this week.

Mrs. C. J. Lyon entertained in honor of Mrs. W. W. Bradley's guests at dinner on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bradley gave a tea in honor of Prof. and Mrs. M. E. Bradley and Mrs. W. D. Morrah on Monday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Bradley was hostess at a delightful dining on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. W. W. Bradley's visiting guests.

Mrs. James Perrin is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perrin.

Mrs. Edward Calhoun is on a visit of several weeks to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perrin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stark and Miss Fannie Stark are home after several weeks trip to California and other points of interest. They report a grand time while away.

Miss Mary and Margaret Bradley are off for a few days visit to Columbia.

Mrs. R. S. Ellis and her two sons are visiting home folks in Due West.

Mrs. L. C. Parker and son, after spending quite a time with parents in Courtland, Ala., returned home on Saturday.

Miss Nannie Quarles, after a two weeks visit at the home of Mr. J. S. Link returned home on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons, of Augusta, Ga., returned home after a visit to the former's brother, Robt. Y. Simmons.

Mr. G. A. Visanska and Miss Belle are home after a months stay in the mountains.

Miss Bessie Miller left for her home in Columbia on Sunday. She has been in the city for the past two weeks the guest of Mrs. J. E. Pressly.

Mrs. H. I. Horton returned home on Tuesday after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Philson.

Mrs. Louis Bristow and her two children returned home on Friday after a visit to North Carolina for two weeks.

Mrs. E. L. Winkler arrived in the city on Friday. She will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bristow.

Mrs. S. A. McCuen and children are home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Guy, of Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Elgin spent the week-end with relatives in Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dendy Miller are off for a visit to Norfolk and Portsmouth Virginia.

Mr. Erskine Blake, of Memphis, Tenn., spent the week-end in the city. His old friends are always glad to see him.

Mr. George Cannon spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. J. B. Loyal, of Savannah, Ga., is in the city for a few days.

Miss Revier, of Athens, Ga., is the guest of Miss Nellie Hardin.

Miss Mary Hill spent the week-end with friends in Elberton, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Furman and son left last Friday for several weeks visit to Mrs. Furman's sister in Arkansas.

Miss Helen Edwards is home after a visit to N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shiver and son, are home after a visit to N. C.

Messrs Owen and Willie Speed spent last week in the mountains of Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ellis are home from their two months' stay in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. Thomas L. Davis returned to Abbeville with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stark from their extended trip to California. She returned to Augusta, Ga. on Monday.

Master William Hill, who has been in Chester some time, going for an operation, is much better at this writing. Master William's little friends as well as the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Hill are delighted to know that he is doing so well. We hope he will soon be home.

Miss Maude Wood entertained on Saturday evening in honor of her visiting guests Miss Dorothy and Mr. Tom Neibling, of Augusta, Ga.

Prof. L. W. Dick returned home after several days visit in the city.

Miss Fannie Harris is home from a visit to Mrs. P. B. Morrah of Mt. Carmel.

Mr. W. E. Johnson visited home folk in Donalds on Monday.

Misses Edna Bradley and Florence Neuffer are in Bellevue the guests of Miss Bettie Morrah.

E. H. BLAKE ON EDUCATION.

Editor The Press and Banner:

The world came to realize that the bodies of men should not be held in slavery and where the individual failed to free his slaves, governments did it. This world has also realized that the minds of men must not remain in the slavery of illiteracy, and so far as this freedom can be given by attendance at schools, the enlightened nations and nearly all the states of this union are removing the shackles that bind the citizen to a life in which he cannot figure up his earnings, read of the deeds of his fellowmen and the word of his God.

From Maine to California, officials in each state write that compulsory education laws are advancing the cause of education and meeting with the approval of the people—often the very people who fought such laws.

Hon. Payson Smith, Supt. Public Schools of the State of Maine, in a letter of May 28th, says: "I am positive that the progress of education in Maine has been favored by the existence of a compulsory education law."

And what about California?

The State Superintendent replying in a letter of June 18th, says in part: "Yes, the schools have made much greater progress under the compulsory attendance law than they did before. In this State the theory is that we must educate every child. Then there is one way to do this and that is to see that every child attends school. He may attend a private school or he may get his education at home through private tutors. But he must get it. And we go further. We give out the money on the attendance. The district that keeps up a good attendance gets more money than it would if the attendance was low.—This means that teachers and school officers and even the parents and children do all they can to see that the children attend school."

E. H. BLAKE,
Greenwood, S. C. Aug. 24, 1914.

Exposition Will be Held.

In response to telegraphic inquiry on Aug. 18th, the following letter from Mr. Chas. C. Moore, President of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition has been received:

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 13, 1914.

"Answering your telegram, the Exposition is in daily receipt of many telegrams from friends of the exposition, expressing candid, carefully weighed opinions of the advisability of postponement. The majority of our friends take the opposite view. It is pointed out, first, that the usual and enormous tide of European travel from America and South America would, in 1915, under war conditions, be almost certainly turned to California, and to the advantage of the exposition. Second, the markets of the Orient and South America, which have been practically monopolized by English and German manufacturers, are now wide open for American manufacturers, and accessible to exposition exhibits. Third, the best expert opinion we are able to get at present seems to support the theory that the sufferings of Europe, in commerce and finance, will react largely to the advantage of this country, and that the effect on the exposition attendance, if any, is likely to be favorable.

Only five of the thirty-seven foreign nations that are preparing exhibits here are concerned in this war, and we have reason to believe that at least two of these five, possibly all, will proceed with their original plans. Even if all five should withdraw, there would still remain thirty-two among them—the countries that have planned the most elaborate showing.

We count on your earnest and loyal co-operation and support in this decision, and believe the future consideration on your part will convince you of the propriety of our conclusions.

(Signed) Charles C. Moore,
President of Exposition."

It is, therefore, a settled fact that the exposition will be held, and held on time.

Send one dollar to the Press and Banner Exposition Fund and receive as a receipt, a souvenir bronze medal.

Meeting of County S. S. Association.

The Abbeville County Sabbath School Association will hold its annual meeting at Little Mountain Presbyterian church on Saturday, Sept. 5th. The Session will last one day, from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Picnic dinner will be served on the ground. It is hoped that each school will send as many delegates as possible. Pastors, superintendents and teachers especially are urged to attend. Addresses will be made by State Secretary Carman, Dr. McCain, Professor Baldwin, Rev. S. O. Cantey, Rev. Jas. P. Pressly, and others. Special emphasis will be given to a round table discussion in which any written or oral question in regard to Sabbath School work will be considered. It is hoped that each school will have a representative, but if in any case this is impossible, the superintendent is begged to mail a report of his school to Mrs. J. E. Brownlee, Brownlee, S. C.

E. B. Kennedy, Pres.

"Mutt and Jeff" First Attraction

The first attraction at the opera house for the coming season will be "Mutt and Jeff." This popular musical comedy will appear in Abbeville Sept. 19th. For an evening of genuine laughter this attraction will be hard to surpass.

ELECTION PROBABILITIES

Second Race for Governor will likely be between Richards and either Cooper or Manning.

Peoples appears to be elected Attorney General.

Bethea has long lead for Lieutenant Governor.

A. W. Jones will be elected.

Indications point to Aiken's election on first ballot.

Smith's election to U. S. Senate seems assured.

Second race for Magistrate at Abbeville will be between Hollingsworth and Hammond. Hollingsworth leads by about twenty votes.

Congressional Vote.

The Congressional vote as far as heard from is as follows:

Abbeville County, all but two boxes give Aiken 1347, Dominick 599, Evans 89, Horton 238.

Newberry County complete, Aiken 1545 Dominick 1543, Evans 43, Horton 89.

Greenwood Aiken 1127 Dominick 970 Evans 480, Horton 536.

Oconee boxes heard from give Aiken a majority of 409.

Gubernatorial Vote

Out of a total vote of 55 thousand cast for candidates for Governor Manning received 11321 Cooper 10,799, Richards 10369, Clinkscales, 8,444, Irby 6064.

At one o'clock Gubernatorial vote stands as follows: Cooper, 16098, Manning 15436, Richards 15287, Clinkscales 10693, Irby 9005, M. L. Smith 5526, total 80000.

At one o'clock Smith was leading Blease by 15000. Indications are that Smith is elected by afe majority.

Address By A. J. Sproles at the McGee Reunion in Williamston Aug. 12

My dear Relatives and Friends:

I feel quite at home among you today, home, the last place on earth I could make a speech even if I was a speaker, nevertheless I welcome this opportunity of expressing to you the honor and pleasure I feel in being with and of you on this happy occasion.

While my name is not McGee, I say of you because the intimate associations, ties of friendship, bonds of love and matrimonial alliances of the last forty years have so endeared you to me that I almost feel that I am one of the outermost twigs of your great family tree as it has just been untitled to you. To a better understanding of the basis of this feeling I ask your indulgence for a brief personal reminiscence, not on my own account nor that of my brotehr and sister, but because it involves two of your sainted relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Hill Dodson, whose mother was a McGee. While they were not related to us they were our neighbors, friends and benefactors in Mississippi and Kentucky before you knew us and later in South Carolina as all of you well know. By one of those terrible tragedies of the civil war—the siege of Vicksburg, our mother was left a penniless widow on a very small poor farm in Mississippi with three small children, myself, the eldest, being only seven years old, but while she was destitute of this world's goods thanks to an allwise Providence she was not without friends who ministered to the widow and fatherless in their distress. Pre-eminent among these was Mr. Dodson whose farm lay just across the creek from ours, he not only cultivated and gathered our small crops but in many other tangible ways helped mother to bear the tremendous burdens so suddenly thrust upon her. A little later she married a gentleman from another community which necessitated our removal from the Dodson neighborhood but the separation was of short duration as the sequel shows.

About this time, on account of red-back mauls, you had here, quite a colony from Holmes county, Miss., moved to Graves county, Ky., settling in the same general locality. Among them the Dodsons and our step-father Mr. Elmore, all of which seems to have been Providential as we were not there long before mother was seized with what she thought was her last illness and so it proved to be.

Naturally she was most concerned about her children and what would be come of us for we were still young.

She remembered Mr Dodson's kindly offices in the past, but was afraid he would not assume the expense and responsibility of our entire care, keep and training, especially as he was under no obligation whatever to do so and had children of his own, besides he and Mrs. Dodson both were well advanced in years, however, she sent for him to come to see her. Of course he knew what she wanted but Samaritan that he was, he came and yielded to her dying entreaties to take us and do the best he could for us after she was dead. With this assurance she died with perfect resignation soon thereafter and when we had buried her at old Smyrna we entered at once into the Dodson home as members of the family and not as farmed-out orphans as was the custom in those days there being no Christian orphanages then as there are now, I need not tell you the kind of home they had for it was the same there as here, where you knew it as one of peace and plenty, abounding in good works and surrounded by Christian influences.

I should have stated that death almost depopulated our Elmore home that year, he and two of his daughters our half brother and mother all having died between the 1st of April and 1st of August.

Mr. Dodson did not remain in Kentucky long before he decided to move back here to dwell with his kindred of whom you are and finally die on his native heath and sleep with his fathers. Consequently in December, 1874, we landed in Donaldsville as I thought among the finest people on earth and time has proved it. Most of you know what has happened since; those dear loved ones have crossed the great divide and passed to their final reward ripe in years, full of noble deeds and revered by all who knew them. My brother and sister both married McGees while I married a near relative to some of you, and all were either related to or connected with the Dodsons. We have healthy, interesting families, are living happily together at peace with each other

Mt. Carmel.

On last Saturday evening the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cade, of Mt. Carmel, was the scene of a most delightful party when their charming young daughters, Misses Sallie T. Lura and Dauschika entertained in honor of their visiting guests, Misses Todd, of Simpsonville, S. C., and Miss Julia Cade, of Washington, Ga. About one hundred invitations were issued to enjoy the lavish hospitality of this occasion, and the gracious cordiality of the hostess and her lovely daughters made each and every one feel welcome.

The brilliantly lighted house and variegated colored Japanese lanterns on the lawn made a scene of enchantment long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present. Sweetest strains of music also added to the pleasure of the evening.

Delightful refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by the following little Misses: Woodrow Wilson, Carrie M. Gilbert, Isabel Boyd, Kathryn McKellar and Julia Cade.

In a decorated corner of the porch, refreshing punch from an immense bowl was dispensed by Misses Julia Cade, Isabel Boyd and Carrie Mary Gilbert.

Towards the "wee small hours" the guests reluctantly turned their faces homeward. Thus passed an evening pronounced by every one to be perfect. G.

WANTS PRETTY GIRLS.

"Little Boy Blue," the famous Viennese musical comedy, will play an early engagement here. Its management, like many others, is hard put to find suitable chorus girls for the organization. There seems to be plenty of girls but not of the acceptable quality.

Sidney H. Smith, manager of the company with headquarters at 108 West 45th Street, New York City, has sent out a hurry call for pretty girls. "I am willing to pay the highest salaries ever for chorus girls. I want pretty girls, refined girls, graceful girls. No experience is necessary," he writes, "just let them send along a picture and height measurements."

There is, always a demand for pretty girls on the American stage, and especially girls of refinement. Girls who begin stage careers never seem to equal the number who disappear annually from the ranks of the stars. It may dawn on the general public who is used to looking on the chorus girl as an undomesticated animal, but they marry and retire from the stage with a speed which causes the non-stage girl considerable envy. The truth is they are less restrained by family blue laws and have a wider chance to meet and know men who wish to marry and settle down. The romance of the chorus girl shows that she can live contentedly in one room or a palace with the man she loves.

Mr. Smith and the other New York managers place emphasis on girls of refinement. They know they are the only kind whose personalities carry over the footlights. Refinement is a principal element of beauty. Mr. Smith adds in his letter:

"It may be a surprise to many but ninety per cent of girls who have made a success of their stage careers never saw New York City until they entered it via the stage entrance. The girl born and bred in New York is so near the stage and its atmosphere that the attractiveness is diminished. The out-of-town girls reads of the stage and its glamor and is fascinated."—Adv.

and all our relations. What a blessed privilege! Besides, no living troubles, serious calamities nor unusual afflictions have befallen us, in fact the blessings that have come to us thru no merit of our own, are so great that I am convinced that, in answer to our mother's prayers dating from the death of our father a most gracious Lord has kept vigil over us, using His servants, Mr and Mrs. Dodson, as a means to these ends. This is but the feeble tribute of a foster child to the blessed memory of his departed benefactors who were of your household.

I would that I had the ability to eulogize some of your more immediate dead, although they need it not nor do you need any bouquets but I will make one declaration that cannot be gainsaid. It is this: I have never known a real wealthy McGee nor a poor one and have never heard of a mean or dishonest one and I include them all. As far as my knowledge extends they have been and are, useful, substantial and influential citizens in their respective communities, men and women with lofty ideals, just the sort of people who make this world bigger, brighter and better while they live and dying leave their posterity a legacy that is better and far more to be desired than sordid gold.